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1. APPRECIATE ADVICE IN REFTEL AND WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE GONE FORWARD, I BELIEVE I MUST POINT OUT THAT ARGUMENT IN PARA 1 IS FAULTY.
2. IN FIRST PLACE, PROPOSED REDUCTION IN COEFFICIENTS WOULD REDUCE GATE PRICES AND BASIC LEVIES ON PARTS AND HAVE EFFECT OF REDUCING OVERALL LEVEL OF PROTECTION BY ABOUT 5 PERCENT. THAT IMPROVES MARKET ACCESS.
3. IN SECOND PLACE, HAD COMMUNITY RASIED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES TO MAXIMUM PERMITTED AS CAP SYSTEM NORMALLY WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR IN PERIOD SINEC JUNE, APPLICATION OF THEIR PROPOSED COEFFICIENTS WOULD HAVE REDUCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES. THUS, IT APPEARS THAT WE GIVE COMMUNITY NO CREDIT FOR RESTRAINT THEY SAY THEY HAVE EXERCISED WHILE THIS DISPUTE HAS PROCEEDED WHICH IN FACT MEANS RELATIVELY IMPROVED ACCESS.
4. FINALLY, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I FEAR THAT EFFECT OF COGNAC DUTY ROLL-BACK WILL IN FACT BE TO SHARPLY WORSEN COMPETITIVE POSITION OF US POULTRY IN EC MARKET BECAUSE AT THAT POINT WE CAN ANTICIPATE STRICT APPLICATION OF CAP SYSTEM.HINTON

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